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REF: (A) UNDERSOOD TO USINT LETTER OF JAN 28, 1976 (B) STATE 016240

1. REF (A) INCLUDED COPY OF LETTER INVITING SHACKFORD PITCHER, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS, ACCOMPANY TEAM ON FLIGHT FROM DAMASCUS TO BAGHDAD THURSDAY MARCH 4TH (RB 361, ETA BAGHDAD 0830). USINT SUPPORTS PROPOSAL. SUGGEST PITCHER SEND US HIS PASSPORT DATA SO USINT CAN ASK MFA AUTHORIZED IRAQI EMBASSY DAMASCUS ISSUE VISA. ALSO REQUEST PITCHER CONFIRMATION HE IS COMING SO WE CAN MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

2. USINT LOOKS FORWARD MEETING TEAM ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. WILL ESCORT TO BAGHDAD HOTEL (AT WHICH THOMAS COOK TRAVEL AGEMLY HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS), BRIEF AT OUR OFFICE AND SEND ON FIRST CALLS.
THURSDAY MARCH FOURTH IS VERY SHORT WORKING DAY IN BAGHDAD (NO APPOINTMENTS POSSIBLE AFTER 1130) AND FRIDAY MARCH FIFTH IS WEEKLY DAY OFF (USINT AND ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OFFICES CLOSED). E-C OFFICER KILLOUGH WOULD LIKE HOST SMALL RECEPTION FOR GROUP ON EVENING 4TH (UNLIKELY ANY GOVT OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND BUT CAN COUNT ON USEFUL PRIVATE SECTOR UNCLASSIFIED

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GUESTS).

3. AWAITING PROMISED DETAILED INDICATION OF KINDS
OF APPOINTMENTS SOUGHT FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
MARCH 6 - 7.

4. ASSUME TEHRAN IS DESTINATION ON DEPARTING BAGHDAD 0700 MONDAY MARCH 8TH. ADVISE.($28)36\,$

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